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Department of Public Social Services

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**TO:** Each Supervisor *PLS call*  
**FROM:** Bryce Yokomizo, Director  
**SUBJECT:** **GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW)**

As requested by your Board on June 15, 1999, attached are the report of key GROW statistics for August 2002 and an update on the GROW Program.

We have placed 1,012 GROW participants in jobs during the month of August. A total of 31,538 participants have found jobs.

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**Attachments**

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Community and Senior Services

# GENERAL RELIEF OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (GROW) AUGUST 2002

MONTH	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	ORIENTATION AND JOB SKILLS ASSESSMENT	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB SKILLS PREPARATION CLASS	JOB PLACEMENTS	SELF-INITIATED PROGRAMS (SIPS)
2002	Scheduled	Shown	Scheduled	Shown	Completions (1)		Ongoing Enrollments
August	5,945	4,222 (71%)	1,843	925 (50%)	858	1,012	977

MONTH	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT	VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	EDUCATION/ TRAINING	SUPPORTIVE SERVICE REFERRALS	GROW CASELOAD	SANCTIONS
2002	Scheduled	Shown	Started	Completions	(2)		
August	564	450 (80%)	102	11	253	38,595	1,672

**Note:**

- (1) Job Skills Preparation Class completions counts should not be tied to the scheduled/show counts, as completions include participants who began the 3-week Job Skills Preparation Class in the previous month but completed it in the report month.
- (2) Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Clinical Assessment and Mental Health treatment referrals.

## **GROW UPDATE AUGUST 2002**

### **JOB PLACEMENTS**

Since implementation in 2/99, a total of 31,538 participants have become employed through the GROW program.

- Lancaster GROW held employer recruitment activities with Total Profit Control and Schneider Trucking Company in August. Also, individual job development workshops were held throughout the month. Over 25 participants attended these activities, of whom three have been placed in jobs thus far.
- Pasadena GROW held on-site recruitments on 8/13 and 8/27 with Volt Services and CRST. Over 130 participants attended the recruitments and three have been hired to date.
- On 8/5, 8/12, 8/13 and 8/22, Southwest Special GROW held recruitment activities with Optimum Staffing, Laidlaw, Los Angeles Urban League and Krispy Kreme. There were over 90 participants in attendance at these events and hires are still pending.
- San Fernando GROW held recruitment activities on 8/22 and 8/23 with Goodwill Industries and Kelly Products. Of the 23 participants attending these events, four have been hired thus far.
- Metro Special GROW held employer recruitment days on 8/6 and 8/22 with Optimum Staffing and St. Joseph Center. There were over 60 participants who attended these activities and, to date, eight have been hired.
- Recruitment activities were held by San Gabriel Valley GROW on 8/13, 8/14, 8/27 and 8/28 with Rely Staffing, Cal Jobs, Kelly Services, Volt and Rose Hills. Over 100 participants attended these activities and, as a result, 14 have been hired.
- During August, Glendale GROW held recruitment activities with Kaiser Permanente, Target, Universal Protection Services and Van Nuys WorkSource Services. Additionally, GROW staff attended a Job Fair held at the Baldwin Park Radisson Hotel that was sponsored by GAIN.
- South Central GROW held employer recruitment activities on 8/1 and 8/13 with Checkmate Staffing and Good Source Staffing. Currently, 12 participants have been hired as a result of these activities. Also, a job preparation session was held on 8/15 with Krispy Kreme Donuts.

### **PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

- On 8/28, Metro Special hosted an Expungement Workshop conducted by South Special GROW job developers. This workshop was attended by participants from the Metro Special, Wilshire Special, Civic Center and Southwest Special districts. Due to the successful results of the workshop, it was decided that a workshop will be held on a monthly basis.
- Through August 2002, the cumulative participation rates for both Orientation and Job Skills Preparation Class continue to exceed 50%.